

REMARKS

The objections set forth in paragraph 2 have been corrected.

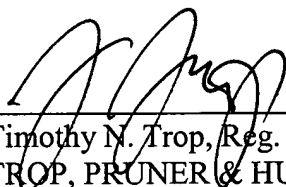
With respect to the objections set forth in paragraph 4, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure at 2173.05(b)D expressly sanctions the use of “substantially” as in “substantially the same.” Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

With respect to the rejection of claim 1, it is noted that nothing in Meyer even talks about auto-covariance. Therefore, reconsideration would be appropriate.

Therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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